

SENATE BILL 2359

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
relative to needle and syringe exchange programs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-136(a), is amended by inserting the language "county or district health department pursuant to subsection (i) or" between the language "the department of health," and "any nongovernmental".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-136(b)(2), is amended by inserting the language "by a nongovernmental organization" between the language "may be used" and "to purchase".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-136(d), is amended by inserting the language "the county or district health department pursuant to subsection (i) or" between the language "required by subsection (a)," and "the nongovernmental".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-136(e), is amended by inserting the language "county or district health department pursuant to subsection (i) or" between the language "thereafter, each" and "organization operating".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-136, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (i):

(i) On a petition to a county health department under chapter 2, part 6, or a district health department under chapter 2, part 7, by a county legislative body for the establishing and operating of a needle and hypodermic syringe exchange program in the petitioning county, the county or district health department may subsequently seek approval of the department of health under subsection (a) to establish and operate a needle and hypodermic syringe exchange program in the petitioning county.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.